

3 November 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new half term! I trust that you all had a fun filled **and** relaxing break. The children all came back full of excitement at the start of the week and were exhausted by Wednesday after some Halloween excitement! This week, the children have been completing their first topic of the year and have been excited to share some of their learning with you on the first of our "Celebrate Open Afternoons". Please remember that throughout the year, there will be regular opportunities to do this at the end of each topic so if you were unable to make this one, there are plenty more to attend!

A special well done to 5V who shared a wonderful assembly this morning with their families and Upper Key Stage 2 about their patron saint – St Vincent de Paul. They shared many key features of his life and how his work continues through the St Vincent de Paul Society and our very own Mini Vinnies group!

Next week, Topic 2 begins for all year groups:

Year 3 UK
Year 4 Antarctica
Year 5 Liverpool
Year 6 Syria

Each week on the newsletter, there will be a Reading Top Tip to support you when you are listening to and reading with your child/ward. Please look out for these each week and use this as a focus for your reading sessions.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and an enjoyable Bonfire Night. Stay safe.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mullins

Key Information

New dates added!

Monday 6th November

Topic 2 Begins

Wednesday 8 November

5J Class Assembly

Thursday 9 December

Flu Immunisation

Friday 10th November

Remembrance Assembly - 6T

Friday 17th November

4T Class Assembly

Wednesday 22 November

Year 4 Violin Performance for parents

4A: 2pm—2.30pm

4T: 2.30pm—3pm

Friday 24th November

4A Class Assembly

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

Christmas Showcase-All Years

Performance 1 9.15am

Performance 2 2.00pm

Thursday 21st December

Open Classroom from 2.30pm

Celebrate Topic 2

Thursday 21st December

School closes for children

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 96.7%
3PE: 96.8%
4A: 95.6%
4T: 92.8%
5J: 92.2%
5V: 97.7%
6O: 94.4%
6T: 97.7%

St John's Catholic Junior School—Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

16th October 2023 — 20th October 2023

95.4%

Congratulations to both

5V & 6T

"Attend today and achieve tomorrow!"



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
6.61s

Active Pupils:
34%

Average Minutes:
0.20s

School Accuracy:
91%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 518	3PE: 640
4A: 1,099	4T: 695
5J: 771	5V: 1,456
6O: 508	6T: 2,574

Congratulations to:

St Anne's class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Therese De Lisieux class in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week!

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children, who have all achieved certificates this week for using their Thinking & Learning Powers!

3PA: Grace A & Sonny B

3PE: Tayla C & Niamh S

4A: Chloe M & Lavinaa V

4T: Teddy C & Ella S

5J: Isla P & Lauren S

5V: Dylan O'H & the whole class!

6O: Thomas C & Isabelle P

6T: Luca S & Violet T

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 23: 1-12

"They do not practise what they preach"

Thought for the week

"Do you practise what you preach?"

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am/11.00am.

Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am Mass

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday Word is uploaded onto the school website to help you to reflect on this week's Gospel

Please follow this link <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/parish-newsletter-1>

#Wake Up Wednesday

Around 35 million X users are under 18! So it's essential that parents and carers stay up to date with the changes made to Twitter since its reinvention as X – and the online safety hazards these alterations might pose, including exposure to explicit content and unpleasant behaviour!

That's not to say, however, that X is a ruined platform: a more cautious approach can still enable young people to navigate it comparatively safely. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide suggests some steps that can help children avoid common pitfalls – both new *and* old – on X. Please see guide attached.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

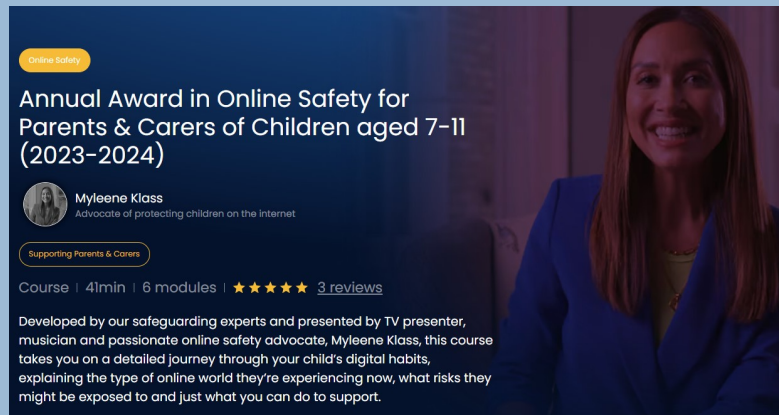
When listening to or reading with your child, get comfy! Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy, especially during these darker nights! Make the time a special time!



Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents and Carers aged 7-11

We are inviting our parents to create an account with National Online Safety and complete a short course learning about how to keep your child safe online.

Once you have created your account, please search for this course:



There are 5 short modules to browse through.

Module 1 Parenting in the digital world (5 mins)

Module 2 What are children accessing online? (7 mins)

Module 3 Common risks Part 1 (12 mins)

Module 4 Common risks Part 2 (12mins)

Module 5 Reflection and impact goals (5 mins)

Final QUIZ

When you have finished the course, you will be able to download a certificate. School can print this out for you!

All parents who complete the course will be put into a prize draw for £30 Asda voucher

Winner announced on 1st December 2023

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-john-s-catholic-junior-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store. Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Dangerous Driving and Parking

It has come to our attention that there have been some incidents of dangerous and inconsiderate parking and driving around Ash Road, Beech Road and Elm Road. Please consider the safety of all when driving and parking around school. We strongly advise all parents/carers to remain vigilant around school particularly during drop off and pick up times. Please report any incidents to the police.

Eco News



Our Eco Councillors have made recycled Poppies this week for our Remembrance Display. A photograph of the poppies can be seen in the class feed section (Eco Council) of the school website.

School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 3** menu. Please visit: <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-meals> for more details. At this current time there are no changes to the coming menu.

Please ensure that you top up your accounts for the week ahead to avoid a build up of outstanding monies. **As stated on our website, if your child has an outstanding dinner debt, they must bring a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.** If you are struggling or need support from school, please email the school office.

PTFA Film Nights

23 November 2023 3.15pm—6pm **Years 3 & 4**

30 November 2023 3.15pm—6pm **Years 5 & 6**

The PTFA are planning two Christmas film nights and would be very grateful if any parents are able to help either beforehand (purchasing necessary equipment or making popcorn bags up) or on the night (preparing the food).

Should you be able to help, please email lisalloyd@stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk. Thank you in advance for your support.

If we are unable to secure enough helpers, the event will not go ahead.

Sporting News

30/10/2023 – Football Match against Prenton

Well done to our girl footballers who played in a match against Prenton. They were playing in very tough conditions but kept going right to the end in a game full of goals.

Alexia B, Shamelia B, Millie B, Lottie L, Maci L, Matilda L, Emelia O, Elsie T, Phoebe W, Tilly W

1/11/2023 – Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Competition

Well done to our Year 3&4 dodgeballers who played in a competition at St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School. They were fantastic, achieved lots of points and were very honest throughout.

Frankie J, Layla M, Majella M, Hanna R, Jaxon W, Mason W

Another busy week at St John's Catholic Junior School!

